

REMARKS:

Claims 8-16 are pending in this application. Pursuant to a telephonic interview between the undersigned and the Examiner, the contents of which are discussed below, Applicants would like to change their telephonic election, cancel claims 1-7, and prosecute claims 8-16 on the merits.

Substance of the Interview

On January 6, 2006, the undersigned called the Examiner to discuss the Office Action. The Office Action notes that during a telephone discussion with the undersigned on September 21, 2005, the undersigned provisionally elected to prosecute the invention of Group 1 (claims 1-7) with traverse with respect to Group 2. During the telephone discussion of January 6, 2006, the undersigned stated that while he did not dispute that he must have elected Group 1 as stated in the Office Action, such election was not the intent of the undersigned as the undersigned should have elected the invention of group 2. The undersigned respectfully asked the Examiner if the election could be changed at this late date. The Examiner graciously stated that it was within her discretion and the election could be changed, providing all of the non-elected claims were cancelled. Applicants herein have cancelled claims 1-7 which are drawn to the invention of Group 1.

Rejections

Previously pending claims 1-7 stand rejected over USP 5,512,200. Applicants note that this rejection is moot in view of Applicants change of election. However, Applicants also point out that previous claim 1 and pending claim 8 recite the composition be effective in removing a TiW alloy and removing residues of etching of TiW alloy while removing a relatively small amount of Al, Cu, or an AlCu alloy. USP 5,512,200 describes a four acid composition comprising between about 5 and about 20 weight per cent of a first acid selected from hydrobromic, sulfuric, nitric, chloric, perchloric, permanganic, and hydroiodic acids; between about 5 and about 20 weight per cent of a second weaker inorganic acid selected from the group including, but not limited to, chlorous, hydrazoic, hydrofluoric, hydrosulfuric, hydrosulfurous, hypobromous, hypochlorous, hypophosphorous, iodic, nitrous, periodic, phosphoric,

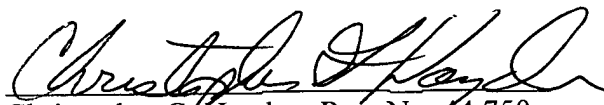
phosphorous, pyrophosphoric, and sulfurous acids; a third acid which is an organic acid selected from the group consisting of those organic acids having a dissociation constant of from about 10^{-1} to about 10^{-5} , and the fourth acid which is likewise an organic acid, but is selected from the group of organic acids having a dissociation constant of less than about 10^{-4} . There is no hint or suggestion that this composition would provide the claimed performance criteria.

A request is made here for a one month extension of time, and a fee sheet is attached for that purpose. However, if there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Submission for any reason, please charge the fee to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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